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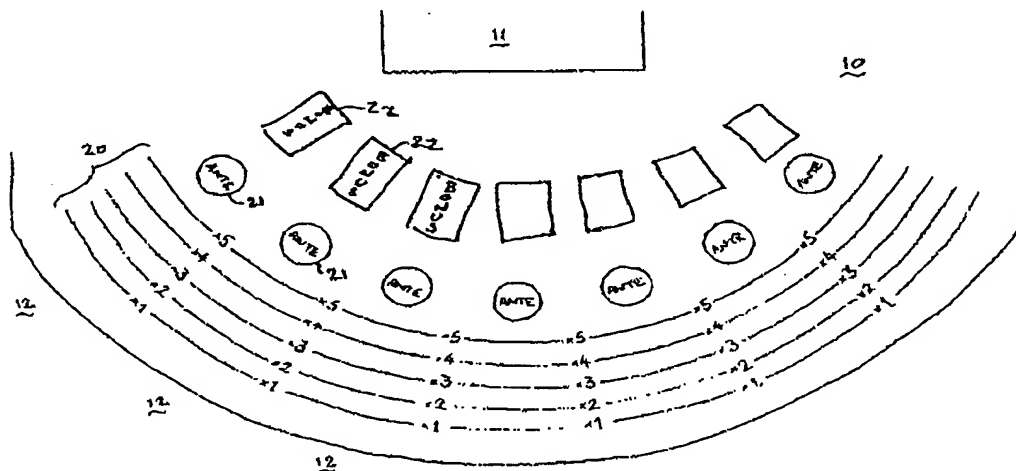
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(54) Title: CARD GAMES



(57) Abstract: A gambling card game played in three main stages: initial betting and dealing, bet adjustment, and hand checking and payouts. In the first stage, each player places an initial bet and is dealt a three-card hand, and the dealer is dealt a single card. In the second stage, each player increases their initial bet by a multiple (within predetermined limits) chosen by the player in dependence on the hand dealt to them. A player can also place a Bonus bet if their hand is all court cards. In the third stage, the dealer pays out on bets on hands for which any card in the hand matches the dealer's card in suit and exceeds it in value, and also on Bonus bets (at the same odds) for winning hands.



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